Injuries to railway employees at Lalgarh Railway Station

@2902. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was altercation between the army jawans and railway employees at Lalgarh railway station near Bikaner on the 4th July, 1989 resulting in injuries to railway employees;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The Government of Rajasthan have informed that on the night of 4th July, 1989, 24 Jawans of Sikh Light Infantry and 111 Engineers Regiment who were proceeding on leave came to board Ambala bound passengers train at Lalgarh Station. They seemed to be under the influence of liquor and a scuffle occurred with Military Havaldar Jaspal Singh. When Government Railway Police personnel and some of the passengers tried to intervene they were roughed up. Meanwhile, one of the Jawans went back to the base and brought some 80 more Jawans armed with sticks, angle iron rods and Kulharies etc. They began beating passengers, looting their goods and railways employees were also beaten up. On getting information senior police officers reached the spot. Fifty-three people were injured. 5 were discharged after first-aid. Five Jawans were arrested on the spot.

A case under Sections 121, 126, 126A, 127, 128, 129 Indian Railways Act and 395, 357, 332, 333 and 353 Indian Penal Code has been registered on the report of M.C.O. Jaspal Singh. Another case for snatching rifles and cartridges under Sections 396, 397, 352, 353 Indian Penal Code has also been registered.

The Railway authorities have already announced ex-gratia grant of Rs. 1000/- each to injured persions having grevious hurt and Rs. 500/- each for those with simple injuries.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Home Department has been asked to enquire into the incident. The Ministry of Defence have informed that a Court of Inquiry has been ordered by the Army authorities.

Sale of Fake Mark-sheets and Certificates in Delhi

@@2903. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Newspaper reports of July 19, 1989 regarding the sale of fake mark-sheets and Certificates in Delhi;

(b) whether any arrests have been made in this connection;

(c) whether such rackets are operating in other States also; and

(d) if so, what effective steps are being taken or have been taken by Government to put an end to these nefarious activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations They take action to register cases, under-

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